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19. (Newly Added) A method for providing supply chain/workflow services in a contract manufacturing framework comprising:

providing a database including a request for proposal mechanism and a plurality of service provider data structures and a plurality of manufacturer data structures, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of service provided by a particular service provider, and wherein each manufacturer data structure includes a description of offerings of a particular manufacturer;

identifying a particular data structure based on a request for proposal from a user utilizing the request for proposal mechanism, wherein the user may be a service provider or a manufacturer; and

affording network-based project management services to the user based on the request for proposal and the identified data structure, wherein affording project management services includes managing assets in a network-based supply chain, including optimizing use of service provider assets and manufacturer assets and providing maintenance and service of service provider assets and manufacturer assets.

20. (Newly Added) A method as recited in claim 19, further including the step of tracking a status of manufacturing processes performed by the identified service provider.

21. (Newly Added) A method as recited in claim 19, further including the step of allowing the user to inquiry service engineers.

22. (Newly Added) A method as recited in claim 19, further including the step of allowing the user to inquiry service chemists.

23. (Newly Added) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the database is accessed utilizing a network.

24. (Newly Added) A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the network is the Internet.

25. (Newly Added) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for providing supply chain/workflow services in a contract manufacturing framework comprising:

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a code segment for providing a database including a request for proposal mechanism and a plurality of service provider data structures and a plurality of manufacturer data structures, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of service provided by a particular service provider, and wherein each manufacturer data structure includes a description of offerings of a particular manufacturer;

a code segment for identifying a particular data structure based on a request for proposal from a user utilizing the request for proposal mechanism, wherein the user may be a service provider or a manufacturer; and

a code segment for affording network-based project management services to the user based on the request for proposal and the identified data structure, wherein affording project management services includes managing assets in a network-based supply chain, including optimizing use of service provider assets and manufacturer assets and providing maintenance and service of service provider assets and manufacturer assets.

26. (Newly Added) A computer program as recited in claim 25, further including a code segment for tracking a status of manufacturing processes performed by the identified service provider.

27. (Newly Added) A computer program as recited in claim 25, further including a code segment for allowing the user to inquiry service engineers.

28. (Newly Added) A computer program as recited in claim 25, further including a code segment for allowing the user to inquiry service chemists.

29. (Newly Added) A computer program as recited in claim 25, wherein the database is accessed utilizing a network.

30. (Newly Added) A computer program as recited in claim 29, wherein the network is the Internet.

31. (Newly Added) A system for providing supply chain/workflow services in a contract manufacturing framework comprising:

logic for providing a database including a request for proposal mechanism and a plurality of service provider data structures and a plurality of manufacturer data structures, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of service provided by a

particular service provider, and wherein each manufacturer data structure includes a description of offerings of a particular manufacturer;

logic for identifying a particular data structure based on a request for proposal from a user utilizing the request for proposal mechanism, wherein the user may be a service provider or a manufacturer; and

logic for affording network-based project management services to the user based on the request for proposal and the identified data structure, wherein affording project management services includes managing assets in a network-based supply chain, including optimizing use of service provider assets and manufacturer assets and providing maintenance and service of service provider assets and manufacturer assets.

32. (Newly Added) A system as recited in claim 31, further including logic for tracking a status of manufacturing processes performed by the identified service provider.

33. (Newly Added) A system as recited in claim 31, further including logic for allowing the user to inquiry service engineers.

34. (Newly Added) A system as recited in claim 31, further including logic for allowing the user to inquiry service chemists.

35. (Newly Added) A system as recited in claim 31, wherein the database is accessed utilizing a network.

36. (Newly Added) A system as recited in claim 35, wherein the network is the Internet.